Project report for Bander Blocks

2487 SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 12, 1991 to the Unstarred Question No 3490 and state

(a) the date on which the project report for Bander Blocks was received,

(b) the obstacles in its execution,

(c) whether the said projects are likely to be executed , and

(d) if so, the time by which the survey of the remaining blocks is proposed to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S B NYAMAGOUDA) (a) Two Coal mining projects have been identified in Ba ler blocks in Chandrapur distri t of Maharashtra Western Coalfields Ltd have santioned one project viz Morpar project in June, 1989 with a target capacity of 0 28 million tonnes per annum and capital investment of Rs 18 14 crores

(b) Land acquisition problems and non-availability of infrastructure due to situation of the blocks in the forecast area are considered as the major bottlenecks in the execution of these projects

(c) and (d) The Morpar Project is expected to start porduction by 1994-95 Another project report viz Bandar (Underground) is under formulation by WCL

[*Translation*]

Industries by American industrialists

2488 SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR ill the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the industrialists of the U.S A have shown interest in setting up of their industrial units in India,

(b) whether they have demanded some relaxation in this regard, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) to (c) The New Industrial Policy announced by the Government in July, 1991, has generated considerable interest amongst foreign investors from several countries including those from the USA Foreign investors of various countries continue to seek additional information or clarifications on the new Industrial Policy The total direct investment in India proposed by US companies in the foreign collaboration approvals issued after the announcement of the New Industrial Policy totals amount 177 29 crores till 31st December, 1991 This is more than 5 times the US investment approved during the calender year 1990

Allotment of accommodation to Retired Industrial Workers

2489 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to allot accommodation at cheaper rates to the labourers working in industrial sector after their retirement

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether any directions have been issued to the States in this regard and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?